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Congress Calls Police Chief On CIA

ARLINGTON — Police Chief Roy C. McLaren has been asked by a Congressional committee probing the Central Intelligence Agency to provide information on the training of officers under his command by the secret spy bureau.

In the continuing investigation of the CIA's practices in the

metropolitan area, the House Select Intelligence Committee desires to know more from McLaren about training in surveillance, explosives, photography, lock-picking and forced entry given to various members of the county police department.

According to documents released to the press by the CIA under the Freedom of

Information Act, various members of local police departments in Arlington and Fairfax Counties were provided with courses in these techniques as the CIA footed the bill.

The documents also detail conferences held between the CIA and police officials where demonstrations, which included the use of explosives,

locksmithing and photographic surveillance, were provided.

The special training sessions were made available to police departments in the District of Columbia, Alexandria, Fairfax County, Arlington County, Prince George's County and Montgomery County.

According to the

documents, the various police departments were also given access to CIA equipment as well as the special training.

Begun in the late 1960's to combat threats from "radical terrorist groups," the training program was discontinued in 1971 apparently because of public disapproval of the CIA's activities.

According to published reports on the document a conference was held in May 1970 where members of area police departments were given a demonstration of the latest monitoring and alarm systems and counter-aud equipment and technique.

The reports continue with a document saying that a representative of the Fairfax County Police Department was to meet with a CIA member from Puerto Rico.

Also listed is a CIA financed trip for police representatives from over the U.S. to attend a two-day meeting on explosives. According to reports, members of the Virginia State Police were in attendance.

In 1972, according to reports, the Fairfax County Police Department

requested the use of two pairs of night-viewing binoculars and two five-day courses on photographic surveillance and locksmithing were provided to Fairfax, Arlington, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties police representatives.